

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edward G. Greive (Reg. No. 24,726) on August 6, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 9, 10 and 11 have been **canceled**.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-8 and 12-20 are in condition for allowance for the reasons applicant has provided on pages 8-11 in the reply filed on 06/21/2010. The applicant's reasons are persuasive, therefore all claim rejections under 35 USC §103 indicated in the prior Office action each have been withdrawn.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Regarding: Interview of August 9, 2010

It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview of August 6, 2010, since the interview resulted in the allowance of the application.

The substance of the interview was of a discussion of the remarks filed in the reply filed on 06/21/2010, as they apply to the references and the independent claims 1, 12, 19 & 20, where the criticality of "the sum of said left and right portion widths is larger than said width of said central strip region" (see claims 1, 12, 19 and 20) is for the purpose of preventing foam from entering the cavity during pouring of the foam. A further review of the filed remarks shall be

favorably considered and patentability shall be determined upon further consideration & examination of the pending claims

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert J. Sandy whose telephone number is 571-272-7073. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-4:00).

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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